



Animal lovers united in fun, frolic and fundraising at the first ARA fundraiser in the Aruba Marriott Resort Ballroom

An exciting evening of varied events marked the occasion of a special fund raiser for Animal Right Aruba, which will kick-off an island wide neutering campaign for stray dogs and cats, and so help to reduce the population of animals without homes in a humane way.

Within a few days from the tickets going on sale the event was sold out, and aside from benefiting a good cause, it was just plain, out and out fun! A lovely dinner provided by the Marriott Culinary team and an auction conducted by local businessman and certified auctioneer Kenneth Faustin made for a riotous and delicious evening. Several items such as beautiful and valuable jewelry, artwork, fun excursions and hotel stays had been generously donated to be auctioned of to raise funds. Bidders were generous and Kenneth's machine-gun auctioneering technique kept the prices up, raising quite a bit of money for this worthy cause. On one poignant note, this was also an opportunity to pay homage to outgoing president Gerry Manns, who will be leaving Aruba with his wife to realize a dream and open a cozy little hotel in Auvergne, France. In tribute, he was presented with a beautiful rendering by well-known artist Kiki, depicting her cunucu house, along with the forty-seven stray or abused animals that she has provided a haven to in her home. Many others were recognized for their tireless and selfless efforts for Aruba's stray and abused animals, but after that serious note, the evening was devoted to fun and frolic as after the auction attendees danced the night away!